GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF STUDY MATERIAL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether text-books and other study material under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are being made available in time;

(b) if so, the details there of, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether eases of diversion of books to ineligible students or charging money for providing books have come to the notice of the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;

(f) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(g) the time by when the targets of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan are likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan provides for grant of free textbooks to all girls, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe children at primary and upper primary level within an upper ceiling of Rs. 150/- per child where the State Government does not provide the same from its own budget. The details of free textbooks distribution in 2006-07 trader Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is Annexed.

(d) to (f) It has been reported that in Assam, Tripura and Haryana distribution of textbooks was made to some ineligible children. The Government of India has directed the States of Assam, Haryana and Tripura to credit the amount involved in distribution of free textbooks to ineligible children, to the SSA account from the funds of the State Government.

(g) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aims to universalize elementary education by 2010.